

**PATENT**

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In re application of:	§	ATTY DOCKET NO: RHLPAT011US
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Serial No.:	§	Group Art Unit:
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For: THRUST BEARING FOR	§	Examiner:
DOWN-HOLE TOOL	§	

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the captioned application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendment:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please delete claims 1-34 appearing on original pages 12-17 of the PCT application as filed and substitute therefor amended claims 1-34 appearing on replacement pages 12-17 attached hereto.

**REMARKS**

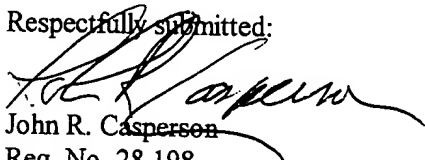
For claim 12: The added "circumferential" limitation is fairly supported by claim 11.  
The added "sufficient depth" limitation is fairly supported by page 10, lines 21-22.  
The added "thrust load" limitation is fairly supported by page 8, lines 7-12.

The remaining amendments are made for the purposes of reducing the filing fee and for better compliance with 35 USC 112.

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